
Tenders.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.—The time of Tendering for Villa, Homestead, close upon the 23rd of this month.

THE PARKER BUILDING.

At Christchurch, 26th George-street.

ONE THOUSAND SUNDRIES, such as Coals, Trowsers, and Vests, bespoke garments, for Sale.

PLASTERERS.—Tenders wanted, including the cost of the following:—
1. Flaxmilling Cottage, Lynton, Point, Balmain, J. Lord.

SIX STORES IN CLARENCE-STREET

TENDERS for the above BUILDINGS are to be **DELIVERED** at our office THIS THURSDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1882.

MANNFIELD BROTHERS, Architects.

121, Pitt-street, Sydney.

TO BUILDERS.—**FENDERS** are invited for the Erection of **FOUR FIRST-CLASS SHOPS** AND **RESIDENCES** IN **GEORGE-STREET**, opposite Christ Church.

THE WORK must be tendered for **FOUNDATIONS, BRICK-ENCAVATION, MASONRY, AND BRICKWORK.**

THE CONTRACT will be for **THE WHOLE FINISHING TRADES, &c.**

AND THE WHOLE IN ONE SUM.

Plans, specifications, and full particulars are to be obtained at the Office of the **ENGINEER**, **MR. ROBERTS**, and are to be delivered on or before **03rd JANUARY, 1882.**

FERNUTON, J. H. B. Esq., Junr.,
Architect and Surveyor,
Vickers'-schmieds, 27, Pitt-street.

W. B. L. D. K. S.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the Erection and Completion of a **FIRST-CLASS BUILDING RESIDENCES** in **WELLES STREET, DARLINGHURST.**

1st. For excavation, masonry, drainages, and brickwork.
2nd. For carpenters' work joiners' work, and all finishing trades.
3rd. Or for the whole of the works in one sum.
Plans and specifications may be seen upon application to the undersigned, who will deliver the same to be delivered not later than **THURSDAY, 25th JANUARY 1882.**
SECURITY will be required for the due performance of the works.
EDWARD HOBBS, Architect,
175, Pitt-street, Sydney.

TENDERS are invited for the Purchase of 16 Acres of Lease of centrally-situated Premises, 362, George-street, Sydney, opposite the Police Office, now occupied as a wholesale warehouse. It is one of the best business sites in the city, and is now under the Royal Arcade now in course of erection. It contains three floors 30 feet deep, with a lane at back, and is convenient to George-street.

If required, other Stores at the rear could be secured at moderate rental.

Possession can be given about June, 1882.

Tenders must be delivered on or before the 14th January, 1882.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are hereby invited for the Erection and Completion of FITZ-RAWES COURT (See Office) in Castle-street, opposite Moore-street. The Works to be executed are as follows:—
1st. Excavation, masonry, and brickwork
2nd. Carpentry, joinery, and finishing trades; or
3rd. The whole in iron and steel.
Plans, specifications, and full particulars may be seen at the offices of the undersigned, to whom tenders are to be delivered not later than 12 o'clock on MONDAY, 24th JULY, 1871.
FERDINAND H. REUSE, Jnr.,
Architect and Surveyor, 72, Pitt-street.

TO B U I L D E R S .
EXTENSION OF TIME.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the Erection of a Building to be used as a bank premises at Liverpool.
Plans, &c., to be seen at the office of New South Wales, Liverpool, and at 401 Pitt St., where tenders are to be delivered by 10 a.m., on the 29th instant.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
FENJAMIN BACKHOUSE,
Architect, George-street, Sydney.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the undersigned for the supply of the following:—

BREAD
MILK
MEAT'S PROVISIONS
VEGETABLES
SHIP CHANDLERY.

Specifications and all PARTICULARS at the office,
W. HOWARD SMITH and 80308,
Struth's Ward, King-street.

TO BUILDERS AND OTHERS.

Information will be conveyed JANUARY 16, 1897, at 10 o'clock.

TENDERS were received by the GENERAL CO. Ltd., for the
 Purchase and Removal of all the Materials in the Buildings
 from the site of the old Labour Bazaar, Pitt-street, now in the
 occupation of Messrs. Alexander Moore and Co.
 For particulars, apply
 THOMAS ROWE, Architect,
 Vicky's-chambers,
 Pitt-street.
CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.
 Parties tendering for Messrs. HARRIS and ACHMAN'S new

THOMAS ROWE,
Architect, Vickers's-chambers,
Pitt-street, Sydney.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited until the 31st inst. for the Small Works to St. Patrick's Presbytery, Parliament-st., for the Vent. Air-Heater Burner.
Plans, specification, and all information can be obtained from the undersigned. D. W. RYAN, Architect.
111, Pitt-st., opposite City Bank.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS for the Additions to the Premises, Botany-road, Waterloo, are to be sent into our Office, THIS DAY, before 12 a.m.
THORNTON & SMEDLEY, Architects.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS for the Residence at
Ranwick, for Mr. Rider, are to be sent into our Office,
THIS DAY, before 12 noon.
THORNLEY and SMEDLEY, Architects.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS for the House, Andrew
L. Tate, Pylsham, are to be sent into our Office, **THIS DAY,**
before 12 noon.
THORNLEY and SMEDLEY, Architects.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS for the Shop and Dwell-
ing, Upper and Lower Floors, Forest Lodge, to be sent into
our Office, **THIS DAY, before 12 noon.**
THORNLEY and SMEDLEY, Architects.

TO BUILDERS.—FUNDERS for the Hotel at Sandgate, Taranaki, not to be at our Office, **THIS DAY**, before 12 A.M.

THORNLEY and SMEDLEY, Architects.

TO BUILDERS.—FUNDERS will be received up to the 26th inst. for the Erection and Completion of 12 Cottages upon lots 2, 3, 4, 1, and 5, section 6, Elwhick Estate, Patea-shire.

Plans, &c., at our Office, 171, North-street.

THORNLEY and SMEDLEY, Architects.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS will be received up to the 26th instant for the Erection of a Weather-board Cottage on 24 1/2 Acre, section 11, Black Estate, Petersburg. Plans, &c., at our office, 171, York-street.

THORNLEY and SMEDLEY, Architects.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS will be received up to the 24th instant for the Erection and Completion of a Shop and Dwelling at Sanganah, Botany, for Mr. W. Marlow. Plans, &c., at our office, 171, York-street.

THORNLEY and SMEDLEY, Architects.

TENDERS are invited for the Purchase of large quantities of Limestone, now contained in walls at Argyle Road, about to be removed to admit of alterations.
Immediate delivery can be given.
I. E. IVES, Argyle Road.

TWO BUILDERS.—TENDERS for HOUSE, Green's road, Paddington, to be delivered at my office not later than 3 p.m. this day, Thursday.

EDWARD HOBBS, Architect, 176, Pitt-street.

TWO BUILDERS.—Whole or separate TENDERS required for a small house built in Kew-street.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are required, up to January 7th, 1882, for the erection of a Family Residence at Stanmore. Separate tender. STANLEY H. UTHUR, Architect, South Chambers, 177, Pitt-st.

TENDERS are invited until the 30th instant for the Erection and Completion of a 6-roomed House for Double Terrace. For plans, &c., apply to W. A. McGOVERN, No. 1, Magnolia-street, Upper-road, Forest Lodge, N.S.W. Stand.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited for the Erection of a Cottage, John-street, Ashfield, to close on 22nd instant. Plans, &c., at my office, 120, Elizabeth-street.
J. S. K. ELLIS, Architect.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited for the Erection of six Houses, New-cum, to close on 29th instant. Plans, &c., at my office, 120, Elizabeth-street.
J. S. K. ELLIS, Architect.

TO BUILDERS.—TENDERS are invited for the Erection of a House, Peter-ham, to close 5th January, 1864.
J. S. K. ELLIS, Architect.

TENDERS required for Brickwork, labour only, & specifications to be seen at the Time Office.

ALBERT TOWN and SONS, Grange Factory.

TENDERS are required for the Painting and Plastering of two 2-story Houses, at Summer Hill. Plans and specifications at my office.

ROBERT S. F. ELLIS, Architect.

TENDERS wanted for Plaster and Cement work of a kind of terrace wall, Globe.

ROBERT S. F. ELLIS, Architect.

TENDERS for Painting two Cottages Vill. D. C.
Mogrove, Bo. Ch., Elswick, Peterham.

TENDERS required for Building a four-roomed House.
Apply 17, Lich. Abbot-street, Surrey-Bills.

CELEBRATED Improved Corazza SHIRTS, only at
M. A. HUGHES & CO'S, 86, George-street.

ONE Thousand C. Hats, Trussers, and Vests, hose &c
agents, for Sale.
J. Graham, Tailor, 543, George-street.

MESSERS. RILEY BROTHERS, Ltd. have a large stock of
Draperies, with atention called to the fact that the **STORM**
CARTRIDGE has been put on the market at a price so low that
Goods, all of which can be sold this week regardless of profit.
The shops at Oxford-street, Brickfield-hill, and 346, George-street,
near King-street, will all be open during this week till 9 p.m.;
but please come in day time and avoid the crush.

FULLER'S Great Exhibition of Carls and Pensions
open till 10 o'clock To-night. Admission free.

Coal Wirewood, &c.

COAL, COAL.—Wanted, about 40 or 50 tons large COAL, about Spruile Brothers, 12, Bathurst-st. West.

I'M GOING with the crowd to FULLER'S to buy XMAS CARDS and PRESENTS. 385-7, George-st.

Horticultural, Farming, &c.

ONE Thousand Coats, Trousers, and Vests, complete garments, for Sale. J. Graham, tailor, 244, George-st.

FULLER'S Great Exhibition of Caricatures
open till 10 o'clock To-night. Admission Free.

IVALS.—DECEMBER 1, 1931 (cont.).

On Sunday, December 1, 1914, by a portion of the crew of the French barge Marcelle, 65 days from Vancouver Island, and supplied them with provisions. The barge was bound to Adelaide with lumber.

WEDNESDAY EVEN

European mails per s.s. Cotopaxi will close at 9 a.m. on 26th December instead of 6 p.m., the day being a public holiday.

WEDNESDAY EVEN

value is unaltered. the quotations being £10 1

60. easier terms, 1s. 6¹/₂d. to 1s. 7d. for new, and 1s. 8d. for old. Subsequently larger holders were offering freely.

Reduction in price this week

CONTINUATION of SALE

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upon future verdicts where it may happen to



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apply. But in New York the anxiety is really due to a previous disregard of all economy in consumption. Of course, it is a paradoxical thing to have water supplied so abundantly that it is in a very large city everybody wastes the sum total of waste becomes enormous. In New York the daily consumption per head in apartments and the density of a single apartment is only about 110 gallons. The municipal engineers admit that this city seems admirably adapted to direct anything like economy. There is no special water-rate, and the municipal taxes are raised by a rate which the water and the landlord pays for it. Whether or not the landlord can get the money back in the rent depends on the demand for houses. The rates, however amount altogether to twenty per cent. House-owners in Sydney complain bitterly of a rate of eight pence in the pound, but they are at present at a great deal better off than those in New York. In the latter city the public money has been scandalously wasted through the city affairs falling into the hands of a nest of robbers, whose peculations are amongst the most shameless record. The little jobs which have been disclosed in our own Town Hall are trifles compared to the gigantic jobs that have been perpetrated in New York. Still, little things go to big ones, and it is necessary to check wrongdoing at its beginning. Our Mayor was lately requested to cause an inquiry into certain alleged malpractices, and he has just presented a report to the effect that he can find no sufficient justification for further proceedings, all the charges being too vague and unsubstantiated to furnish any basis of action. No one will doubt his personal integrity in the matter, and it is so far satisfactory to have his assurance that there is no solid ground for any serious imputation. At the same time, past events have shown that good vigilance is necessary, that officers and contractors require to be carefully looked after, and that there is a tendency towards malpractices, which throws the responsibility on the Mayor which in the public interest he must not shrink from undertaking.

With respect to the water supply New York seems to have provocatives to waste more than exist with us. In the winter the cold is so severe that the taps are left running, and even in the water freezing in the pipes, and in the summer an immense amount of water is used to wash the streets. The house-owners are conscious of this extravagant consumption, but they do not know how to stop it. The consequence of this uncontrolled consumption was that New York was within a fortnight of exhausting its supply when a timely rain relieved all anxiety on this score. A moderate larger scheme is projected by the engineers, which will bring the water a distance of 200 miles. New York is rich enough to stand this, but it is probable that some new system of levying water-rates will have to accompany this additional outlay.

The negotiations now going on between the Governments of Victoria and South Australia serve to illustrate the gain all these colonies might secure to themselves individually and collectively if they could only elaborate some mutually acceptable policy of federation. The two colonies, each of whom separately are now confronted with difficulties which arise entirely from their separation. They have a long standing dispute respecting the ownership of a strip of territory lying on their common boundary; they have a series of constantly-recurring disputes arising out of their different tariff, customs and other regulations; and they have found out that the numerically smaller colony has something like a grievance in having to pay to Victoria a subsidy for the use of the P. and O. mail service, which Victoria monopolized, and which was cut off by her until recently, a less sum, in addition to the postage, then she exacts for its use from the other States. For the present they have found out by this time that "all was not gold that glittered." It is very well when she made haste to come to terms with Victoria in regard to that mail contract, and since her other neighbours overboard. Already to separate Queensland is serving her better than to subsidize P. and O.; but she is bound to support a nothing-making, as a term of years, and she cannot afford to let them go without her from her bond. Her suggestion to refer the question of boundary to the Privy Council is sensible one, and that ought to be acceptable to her neighbour, unless the policy of bounce and retaliation is still in favour with Melbourne politicians. The differences of tariff are of a grave nature, and therefore for the present they had better make up their minds to accept of a mutual trade pact, because the overland trade between the two colonies is small compared with that between either of them and New South Wales. But as settlement increases on the border the need for free intercourse will become imperative, and residents on both sides, in common with all other Australians, will desire for the present time to have their trade regulated by Customs and other barriers as widely as though they belonged to different races, and owed allegiance to different Sovereigns. Federation grows out of mutual needs and mutual affinities; and these, much more than political and diplomatic strategy, will lead to federations once when the time is ripe for federation.

The consideration of the economical value of a new colony, on which a correspondent wrote yesterday, is far less urged in Australia, where immigration is not needed, than in the United States of America, where a nation of fifty millions has been created by immigration within the lifetime of the first generation. The means of equalization have been so arranged to ensure that each immigrant brings a worth at least a hundred pounds sterling to the country where he settles. That, of course, is true, as the average rule. Exceptions are numerous, and while America has received from European immigrants the most enterprising and contributions of her citizens she has also received a considerable portion of the ignorant, idle, turbulent, and dishonest. Her prisons and her charitable institutions have been fed by foreigners in a far larger proportion than by the native born. But when that penalty attending immigration on so large a scale has been made cost, there remains a balance advantage almost beyond calculation. The taxpayer's power of an immigrant is of less value than his industrial power, although the former is of importance in a sparsely-peopled country. Half a million immigrants per annum means an additional twenty millions sterling of wages, a corresponding proportion of profits, and a consequent necessity to the industrial appliances and wealth of the community available for future industries in almost geometrical progression. The gain of New South Wales last year by arrivals from all countries in excess of departures was £6,177, of whom only 31,847 were at the public expense, and the remainder £59,600, and their value to the colony, on the American average, was £213,630; so that they were worth six times as much as they cost. Even as taxpayers they will be worth next year £7000 to the revenue, and the whole number gained by immigration should be worth £1,000,000 industrially, and the rest would be worth £1,000,000, which is not a bad investment on their capital cost to the colony. It may be argued that American immigration is voluntary, with the exception of grants of land made to certain classes of immigrants by the separate States, and that here aid is given to the State funds. But here, also, it must be conceded that the State is generally obliged to assist the masses of land, and putting the proceeds into the

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The Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamer Sarat, with the English mails, via Suez, to November 18th, was due at King George's Sound last evening, but her arrival there had not been telegraphed at the time we went to press.

Numerous additional and special trains have been provided by the Railway Department to meet the requirements of travellers during the Christmas holidays. The mail trains from the interior, which do not run on ordinary occasions nor on Saturdays, will run from Albury and Dubbo to Sydney, calling at the usual stations, on Saturday, the 21st, as well as on Sunday. An extra train has also been provided, to allow the residents of the metropolis to take a trip into the country and return on the same day. This train will leave Sydney at 8.20 a.m., on Monday, 26th December, and on Monday, 2nd January, running as far as Goulburn. It will arrive at that station at 2.45 p.m. and leave again on the return trip at 4.10 p.m., arriving in Sydney at 10 p.m. A special train will run from Wollongong to enable people living inland to visit the many points of interest on the mountains as far as Katoomba. This train will leave Wollongong 9 a.m. on the morning of the 26th, and return, leaving Katoomba at 4.30 p.m. the same day, conveying passengers as far as Bathurst. Residents of Bathurst and intermediate towns will thus be able to leave by ordinary day trains on the 27th, and return on the 28th. An additional train will run from Penrith and Richmond to Sydney on Monday, 26th December, and on Monday, 2nd January, leaving Penrith at 8.10 p.m., and Richmond at 7.35 p.m., arriving in Sydney at 9.45 p.m. An extra train will leave Sydney on the same days for Penrith at Richmond at 11.25 p.m., coming at all the stations en route. A rural tourist train returning to Sydney, 1 p.m. train from Sydney will run on to Campbelltown and the 3 p.m. train from Liverpool to Sydney will run on those days. Suburban residents will find several alterations made in the suburban line. These alterations can be seen on reference to our advertising columns. Additional trains will be run on Boxing Day, and the usual time-table will be maintained after 5 p.m. on the day of the New Year's annual tourist train returning. No days will not run on 26th December and 2nd January but on the following days instead.

The new Licensing Act, which will come into force on the 1st January next, and a *poodle* of which appears in another column, thoroughly revolutionizes the present system. In the first place, all applications for licenses and all other matters under the Act will be determined by a licensing court, consisting of three magistrates. The licensing district will comprise the county of Cumberland. The metropolitan court will consist of seven members, and in every other district of three members. District inspectors or sub-district inspectors will be appointed to enforce compliance with the Act, and any of the following persons having reasonable cause for suspecting any breach of the law may apply to the licensing court, or any one of the day night might upon entrance into such premises: Superintend, Inspector, sub-inspector, or sergeant of police, any major constable authorized by the licensing court, any licensing inspector, or any constable authorized by a magistrate or superintendent of police. The hours of selling will be from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on the six business days of the week, and on Good Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. On the 29th, 30th, 31st, and 1st in the afternoon, and 8 and 10 at night. Sunday selling is absolutely prohibited. Provision is made for taking a vote of the ratepayers once in three years. The voting will take place on the occasion of the alternate elections, and each voter will be required to answer in the affirmative or negative the following question: "Do you think it would be for the good of the public if houses be granted in respect of premises situate within the above ward or municipality for the period of three years from the date?" The Act states that "if such shall be in the negative no new publican's license certificate authorizing the removal of a publican's license, shall for three years be granted for premises situate within the above ward or municipality unless he has obtained a majority of votes." There is a qualifying section providing that "notwithstanding any vote in the negative the licensing courts may grant licenses for hotels having not less than 20 rooms for public accommodation, and a vote in the affirmative shall make it compulsory grant any new license." Spirituous liquors will not be allowed to be sold at refreshment rooms at railway stations, but colonial wines may be sold there in small places.

A famous veteran politician goes back to the world on a brief visit, almost simultaneously with the Premier of this colony, in the person of Sir James McCulloch. There is a considerable dissimilarity between the circumstances under which the two statesmen now leave, and the changes which the whirligig of time may bring about during their absence are almost food for speculation. The peers of the realm for profound meditation to those who study the kaleidoscope of politics. Sir Henry Parkes quitted New South Wales in the zenith of his fame, as a leader of men, and a personal popularity immeasurably enhanced by the event of the last few months. Sir James McCulloch is just emerging from the shadow of a total eclipse, and judgment seems to have been passing over him like a storm, and the transient triumph of stone-walling, it is by no means improbable that "renewal," is written in his thoughts. The travelling knights are tolerably sure to meet another Premier in temporary exile, the Hon. James Service. Their comparison of notes would make an interesting chapter.

The Mayor of Sydney has resumed his examination of candidates reported to him to be unfit for humane habitation in the city. He has been assisted by the health officer, the inspector of nuisances, and the city architect; he visited Nos. 338, 360, 362, 374, 368, 370, 372, Kent-street, Nos. 158, 160, 162, 164, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, and four other premises in Clarence-street. All of these and some back premises at Nos. 201, 203, and 205, Clarence-street, he decided ought to be demolished.

The case of smallpox has occurred at the Sanatorium, Mr. Lewis, who was taken there on the 19th instant, having developed the symptoms of the disease. Mr. Yates, of Corru-street, Woolloomooloo, has been removed to the smallpox hospital, Little Lonsdale-street. Mrs. Yates was removed to the Sanatorium. The family of Mr. Cadwelder, of Forbes-street, Woolloomooloo, were also removed to the Sanatorium. The family of Mr. Cadwelder, of Forbes-street, Woolloomooloo, were also removed to the Sanatorium. The following patients were visited by the Government medical staff on the 26th instant, and are reported progressing favourably.—Mrs. Smith and son, Sussex-street; Sergeant Powell, Mrs. Burke, Henry J. Wesson, of Pyrmont; Mrs. Turner, Campsie-road; Mrs. Yates, 11, Corru-street, Woolloomooloo; Albert Sinclair, 58, Duke-street, Woolloomooloo; Mr. Jenkins, 145, Liverpool-street; Sarah Benjamin, Goulburn-street. The house of Mr. Cooper, 421, Harris-street, and Mrs. Lake, 133, Liverpool-street, were visited, and the inmates found to be in good health. Mr. Yates, of 11, Corru-street, Woolloomooloo, was, after undergoing the usual examination by the Government medical staff, removed to the smallpox hospital, Little Lonsdale-street, this morning, at which he arrived near the worst of his journey. Mrs. Yates was removed to the Sanatorium at the same time. The family of Mr. Cadwelder, of 32, Forbes-street, Woolloomooloo, consisting of himself, his wife, and five children, were also conveyed to the Sanatorium this morning. The house of Mr. Campbell, of 145, Liverpool-street, was also removed to the Sanatorium this afternoon. The medical sanatorium at the Coast Hospital and Sanatorium at Little Bay reports that Albert Cadwelder, who arrived there yesterday passed a good night. Mrs. Lewis, from the Eastern-market Hotel, Forbes-street, is not so well, and passed a very restless night. All the other patients in the hospital are doing very well. Mr. Lewis, who was taken to the Sanatorium on the 19th instant, has developed symptoms of smallpox, and has in consequence

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Agricultural Society have now fairly taken possession of their new premises at the Victoria Barracks, where they are holding a number of stalls, which are well fitted up, and much improved and a number of stalls have been erected, and a report in another column will show that the association has made considerable progress in other directions.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Syley Grammar School took place yesterday afternoon in the presence of His Excellency the Governor assisted by the Hon. Mr. Justice, Mr. Sir W. G. Allen, and a very large number of visitors. Sir W. G. Allen, chairman of the board of trustees presided. His Excellency addressed the visitors and scholars, congratulating the school upon maintaining its high character in learning and moral training. He also, as will be seen by a fuller report of the proceedings, pointed out some of the objects of the school in the past, and increased its accommodation.

The annual meeting of the Volunteer Artillery Rifles Club took place last evening at the Victoria Barracks. There was a fair attendance of members. Lieutenant N. L. Kyngdon was voted to the chair. The first business was the reading of the annual report by the secretary, which showed an improvement both as to the number of members and as regards the work done during the year. It was then proposed to begin the work. The balance sheet, read by the secretary in the absence of the treasurer, showed that during nearly £21 had been spent, there was a credit of £2 odd. The election of officers was then proceeded with, with the following result—President, Lieutenant Colonel Wells; vice-president, Captain and Adjutant, the Hon. Mr. Justice; captain, Captain and Adjutant, the Hon. Mr. Justice; and sergeant-major, Major Frank, Sergeant Goldsmith, Sergeant R. Green, Corporal Hunt, Corporal Grice, and Gunners Corbett, Nelson, and Corlett. The secretary and treasurer to be elected from the above by the committee. A vote of thanks was unanimously recorded for the efficient manner in which the duties of his office were discharged during the year. It was also resolved that the secretary should write to Captain Strong, thanking him for his liberality in presenting a prize to the club, to be shot for during the coming year. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the retiring officers and the chairman.

A public meeting was, last night, held in the Wesleyan Church, Burnwood, in connection with the Societies of the Wesleyan Missionary Society, the Rev. Mr. W. B. H. Pigott, M.A., occupied the chair. The Rev. J. G. Martin read an abstract of the society's report. The Rev. G. Woolnough, M.A., president of the conference, addressed the meeting in explanation of the objects and mode of operation of the Sustentation Society, and proceeded then to deliver a sermon on "The Christian's Duty." In the course of the light shed upon many passages in the Bible. The country has been for years under a complete trigonometrical survey, under the direction of Lieutenant Conder, as the agent of the Palestine Exploration Society in London; and the sites of upwards of 500 places named in Scripture have been positively ascertained. Many of the ruins among the traditional scenes of Jewish history. The information thus obtained, with married attention. A vote of thanks having been recorded to the chairman, the meeting was closed in the usual form.

CAPTAIN LANCASTER, of the brig John Wesley, who arrived in port yesterday with his vessel, reports that an alarming shock of earthquake was felt at Tongatabu on the 21st ultimo. The extent of this disturbance was such that it caused the ship to rock so violently that one of the islands an immense valley has been formed at a locality which was previously nothing but level plain. In consequence of Captain Lancaster's departure from the island two days after the occurrence, he is not in a position to state whether the earthquake was confined either portion of the group. Nevertheless, the great anxiety will be felt until definite particulars are to hand.

A CONSUMPTION of Spanish grapes was recently brought to this port by a London vessel, and they are now lying sold at various fruiterers' shops and cafes in the city. An Act was assented to on 16th November last, prohibiting the importation of grape vines, vine cuttings, and grapes, under a penalty. The principal object of the Act was to prevent the introduction of phylloxera, a disease that has proved so disastrous in Victoria—is very explicit, and runs as follows:—"It shall not be lawful to import into the colony, either by sea or land, any grape vines, grape vine cuttings, or grapes, and whoever shall so import or cause to be imported any such vines, vine cuttings, or grapes shall be liable to a fine for each offence any sum not exceeding twenty pounds and all such vines, vine cuttings, or grapes imported or attempted to be imported contrary to the provisions of this section shall be forfeited, and may be seized and destroyed by any officer of Customs or police officer, provided that it shall not be lawful for the Governor, with the sanction of the Executive Council, to exempt any place in the Government Gazette, to exempt any place from the operation of this Act."

A FIRE occurred at about half-past 5 o'clock last evening on the back premises of Mr. John Allan, produce and fish merchant, of King-street, Newtown. The fire originated in a hayshed, close to the engine used for cutting wood, &c., where it is supposed a sack of gunpowder exploded. It spread rapidly over the hayshed and a dwelling-house in the yard, both built of weatherboard, were burnt to the ground before the fire could be extinguished. The local fire brigade and several of the city brigades were present. The buildings are the property of Mr. Crane, P.M.

A MAN named Allick Dunbrook fell off a cart at North Shore, yesterday, and upon being taken to the Infirmary, George Robinson, a guard on the Crown-street railway, was severely injured. He sustained an injury to the head and was suffering from concussion of the brain. He is in a very precarious state, partial paralysis having set in. A lad named James Macrae, 19 years of age, residing at St. George's street, Rutira, was run over by a cart yesterday, at the corner of Ring and Sussex streets, and sustained a cut about an inch long, extending down the right thigh, besides a fractured arm, sustained a severe contusion of the chest, and was taken to the Infirmary and admitted. A boy named William John Toole, 11 years of age, residing at Little Eliza-nabeth-street, Barry Hills, whilst playing ball, as he said, fell down, and dislocated his right elbow very badly, besides fracturing one of the bones of the arm. The boy was attended to at the Infirmary and sent home.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

OUR SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DISCOVERY OF THE EXPLORING SCHOONER JEANNETTE.

LONDON, Dec. 20.
The Governor of Eastern Siberia reports that the schooner Jeannette, fitted out for Arctic exploration purposes by James Gordon Bennett, of the *New York Herald*, and generally believed to have perished in her dangerous mission, has been discovered safe.

WRECK OF A STEAMSHIP.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
The Atlantic steamer Bath City has been wrecked, and 10 people were drowned. The Bath City was a vessel of 1724 tons, and was built at Stockton-on-Tees in 1860.

THE LADIES' LAND LEAGUE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
The members of the Ladies' Land League, which was suppressed by the Government as a seditious and illegal association, have held a meeting, and openly defied the action of the Government.

A GAS EXPLOSION IN VIENNA.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
A gas explosion of a serious nature has occurred in Vienna, causing several deaths and injuring others.

SHIPMENT OF CONTRABAND RIFLES.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
The Customs authorities at Antwerp have discovered 1800 cases of rifles shipped from Liverpool, and described as hardware.

[BRITISH TELEGRAMS.]

THE EXPLORING SCHOONER JEANNETTE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
News has been received of the exploring schooner Jeannette, which was despatched by Mr. James Gordon Bennett, in the early part of last year, from the United States, with an expedition to the Arctic regions. It appears that the Jeannette, after reaching high latitudes in the vicinity of the north-east passage to Behring's Straits, became embedded in ice, and in June last the vessel was so crushed by heavy icebergs that she had to be abandoned. The crew took to the boats, which parted company. The Esquimaux natives rescued one boatload, and forwarded them overland to Irkutsk, in Siberia, from which point telegraphic information was received. Another boatload landed at the mouth of the Siberian river Lena, the crew having suffered fearfully from long exposure and privation. The third boatload is still missing, and great fears are entertained for their safety.

DISASTROUS STORMS IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 21.
The weather continues very stormy. Heavy gales are reported all along the coast, and floods occurred in many parts, occasioning considerable damage.

LIQUIDATION OF THE TURKISH DEBT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 21.
An *Iradé* has been issued by the Sultan, in which the settlement of the Turkish debt, agreed to by Mr. Bourne and M. Valpremier on behalf of the bondholders, is duly sanctioned.

THE MAELS.

LONDON, Dec. 19.
The P. and O. steamer *Ravenston*'s mails, which left Sydney on November 11th, were delivered in London via Brindist today.

ARRIVAL OF THE ALMORA AT SUETZ.

LONDON, Dec. 19.
The steamer *Almora* arrived at Suez yesterday.

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.
In the Assembly this afternoon a motion by the Premier to advance out of the temporary loan £150,000 to trusts, to be formed under the Water Conservation Bill, was carried. Several shire councils have intimated that they intend applying for loans to enable them to provide for the wants of the districts in the district of water supply. Several resolutions, including the Gambling Prevention Bill, were discharged from the notice paper. Mr. Quick announced his intention of bringing forward the measure next session. The debate on Mr. Munro's Local Option Bill was resumed, and lasted on the expiry of the hours allowed for private business. Mr. Munro contended that the motion was stalled, and attempted to carry it successfully to obtain a division. He said he would persisting the motion forward again the first time the House was in Committee of Supply next session. The whole of the evening after refreshments was consumed in the discussion of a motion by the Attorney-General for the establishment of seven new assizes courts. Some little opposition was shown to this motion, which afforded members inclined to construct a party amongst themselves. Mr. Munro was prominent among them, making remarks for being prevented from taking a division on the Local Option question. It was hoped that the proposition would take place to-morrow, but it will now probably take place Friday.

In the Council the Appropriation Bill, Land Act Amendment Bill, and Expiring Laws Consolidation Bill were passed. The Senate resolved to insist on its amendment in the Tea Bill, providing that regulations under the Act be laid before both Houses.

THE FUNERAL OF SIR JOSHUA P. BELL.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.
Sir Joshua P. Bell's funeral, this afternoon, was very largely attended. The corpse lay in state in the Chamber, where the body had been lying, at about 11 a.m., the Volunteer bands playing the "Dead March." About a hundred Friendsmen and all the members of the Government were present, except Mr. Perkins, who is not in the colony. The pallbearers were Messrs. E. H. Drury, W. McEwen, the Hon. T. M. Hewitt, Sir Arthur Palmer, and the Hon. P. H. Hart, and G. C. Smyth. The procession also included a number of members of both Houses, many Civil servants and private citizens, and was altogether over a mile and a-half in length. The grave is close to that of Sir Maurice O'Neill and Governor Blackall. The service was read by the Rev. G. Robinson.

NATIVE AFFAIRS IN NEW ZEALAND.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

AUCKLAND, WEDNESDAY.
To-day, King Tawhiao's secretary, visited Auckland and New Zealand, and interviewed Mr. Whitaker. He gave a friendly pledge regarding the Maori's friendly relations with the people. It is probable that Tawhiao's son will open the war.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

VICTORIA.
MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

The Chief Secretary for South Australia had another interview with Mr. Graves this morning, when final arrangements were made as regards the Boiler Treaty. The permit system will probably be renewed at the commencement of the year. The Victorian Government having assented to the approval of the Treasurer for South Australia is highly probable, and the treaty will be practically the same as previously. The Hons. Bray and Parsons returned to Adelaide, per Ionia, to-day.

Very successful experiments were conducted to-day in the presence of about twenty shareholders in the Southern Cross Petroleum Company of New Zealand, with samples of oil from the company's grounds. Those present expressed themselves highly pleased with the prospects. Mr. M. Benzie, who has been employed to inspect the paraffin and oil deposits on the company's land, furnished a very encouraging report, and stated that the oil was freely seen on the surface for about 200 yards. He dug about 150 holes, a distance of 10 yards apart, and the mineral was found freely in all of them, in places even just below the surface.

Mr. Bolton visited the grounds of the trial manna, and Mr. James and Lady M'ulloch are passengers for Venice by the mail steamer Ionia, which left to-day. Mr. Marshall Wood, the sculptor, is also a passenger. Sir James M'ulloch was entertained at a banquet by the Melbourne Club last night.

Proceedings are to be instituted against two Melbourne firms, for the sale of samples of the trial manna, and against Mr. Marshall's brandies and J. D. K. Z. gin. The offence is very rare, and the authorities are determined to check it.

The tenth annual meeting of the Australian Widows' Fund was held this afternoon and passed off satisfactorily. A letter from the actuary stated that he was of opinion that the investigation would result in a surplus of £29,000.

A complaint has been found in a bottle on the coast at Sorrento, and handed to the Customs authorities. The letter was much mislaid, the signature being illegible. It was dated the 10th September last, and stated that the Sir William Wallace, bound to Townsville, had bad weather from the Cape, and was disabled. She had lost her boats, and was sinking fast, and those on board had resigned all hope. The Customs Department, finding the vessel was due at Townsville early in October, telegraphed to the authorities there, and ascertained that the vessel reached that port on the 1st of October.

Proceedings, the licensees of the American Hotel, where the raid was recently made by detectives, was fined £10 for being the owner of a common gaming-house.

The Metropolitan Liedertafel members, who proceeded to Sydney on Saturday, held a very successful rehearsal to-night.

A religious camp meeting will be held under the auspices of the Wesleyan denomination at Queenscliff, lasting from Monday to Saturday next. The meeting is to be conducted on the same principles as similar meetings in America. Tent accommodation will be provided for all comers, and meals also provided at a reasonable tariff. Seven ministers will attend, and the programme comprises preaching, services of prayer, and ladies' and children's meetings in camp. It is arranged that expenses are to be defrayed by the voluntary contributions of visitors.

A deputation from the Christian Young Men's Association, accompanied by Mr. Balfour, M.L.C., and Mr. Deakin, M.L.A., waited on Mr. Grant to-day, requesting his interference in the matter. Mr. Grant stated he would instruct the Chief Commissioner of Police to keep a sharp watch, and stop proceedings if improperly conducted.

Sir J. H. Lefroy and party were passengers to Glenelg by the Ionia.

At a meeting of the Education Commission this afternoon, Mr. Rogers, chairman, submitted a memorandum of the order of business, which was adopted unanimously. The memorandum proposes to divide the inquiry into six branches:—1. The children. 2. Necessary buildings for classes of education. 3. Course of instruction and discipline. 4. Teachers. 5. Inspection and control. 6. Expenditure. The press will be admitted to future meetings, and the witnesses will all be examined on oath. Mr. Brown, the secretary of the department, will be the first witness.

The Government having agreed to allow suit to be deposited in Laverdon Bay, the Harbour Trust intend dredging the vicinity of Williamstown pier, which will enable large steamers to be berthed at the pier.

Strong opposition has been offered by the police against the transfer of the license of the cafe at the Theatre Royal to the present occupier, on the ground that the place was improperly conducted. The application was adjourned till to-morrow to enable the magistrates to visit the place. The barmaids, in consequence of the constable's statement regarding them, held a meeting, and decided to instruct a solicitor to take steps to have them examined before the Court regarding their character. They threaten an action for defamation against the constable.

The weather was highly threatening this morning, but afternoon and evening were very fine.

QUEENSLAND.
BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

At a cabinet council held to-day it was decided that Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday next be proclaimed Government holidays.

Edward Parsons, second engineer of the steamer Queensland, who was hurt in the foot while the vessel was in dock last week, died in the hospital to-day, from lockjaw.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

In reference to the distress among the northern selectors, this morning's Register suggests that a strict investigation should promptly be made by the Commissioner of Lands, or by a board, with a view to passing a special Act to forego the cultivation clauses in most urgent cases, giving the sufferers an opportunity of relieving their livelihood by other occupations, the Government in all needful cases postponing the claims for interest on the purchase money. The Register believes the main source of mischief to have been the selection of land totally unfitted for wheat-growing, and avers that if selectors are to be kept on the ground that the place was improperly conducted, the Government in all needful cases postponing the claims for interest on the purchase money. The Register believes the main source of mischief to have been the selection of land totally unfitted for wheat-growing, and avers that if selectors are to be kept on the ground that the place was improperly conducted, the Government in all needful cases postponing the claims for interest on the purchase money.

John Richards, J.P., late member of the Assembly for Warreroo, was sent to gaol to-day for a month's hard labour for issuing a valueless cheque.

Sir J. H. Lefroy is expected to arrive per steamer Rome on a visit to Sir W. Jervois.

The Government have issued railway passes to the All-England Eleven.

A telegram has been received by the chairman of the Mount Copper Mining Company to the effect that a powerful syndicate, formed in London, are prepared to negotiate for the purchase of their mines. The matter will probably be submitted to the local shareholders in a day or two.

The Governor presided at the distribution of prizes at St. Francis Alfred College, and complimented the institution for its excellent work.

A man named John Grogan has been committed to trial for setting fire to a hay-stack belonging to a neighbour at Gwypp's Cross.

NEW ZEALAND.
WELLINGTON, WEDNESDAY.

Heavy rains have fallen in the south this week, with immense benefit to all crops, the position of which, through drought, was causing anxiety.

THE YASS ELECTION.
[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

YASS, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. Heydon addressed the electors last night, about 500 being present. The candidate was well received, and a vote of confidence in him was passed. Mr. Heydon then addressed the electors at Warroo and Murrumbidgee to-day, and was received well at both places. Dr. Campbell addressed a large number of electors at the Meehan's Institute this evening. The election is expected to be hotly contested, and will be a close one.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

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